Prices of edible oil

2292. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken or propose to take any steps to keep a check on further escalation of prices of edible oils in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDN AHMED): (a) and (b) There has been no escalation in the wholesale prices (of edible oils during the current Oil-Year 1992-93 as compared to 1991-92. On the contrary, there has been marked downward trend in the wholesale prices of edible olis.

2293. [*Transferred to 24th March*, 1993.]

2294. [*Transferred to 19th March*, 1193.]

Distribution of foodgrains to Rajastan and Orissa

2295. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat/rice supplied to Rajasthan|Orissa States for distribution through the Public Distribution System from December, 1992 till date, State-wise;

(b) what was the demand thereof during the above period by each State; and

(c) whether Government are aware that there is acute shortage of controlled|essential items at the ration shops in the above State, if so, what steps have been taken so far to ensure regular supply thereof indicating the number of new shops opened in Rajasthan and Orissa under Public Distribution System during 1992-93 and those likely to be opened in 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) A Statement showing the demand and allocation of rice, wheat to Rajasthan and Orissa from December, 1992 till March, 1993 is attached (*See* below).

(c) No specific report of acute shortage of essential commodities at the fair price shops in the States of Rajasthan and Orissa have been received. Allocation of PDS commodities are made to States|UTs including Rajasthan and Orissa, taking into ccount the overall stocks in Cental Pool, inter-se requirements of States|Uts and seasonal factors. PDS allocations are supplemental in nature and are not intended to meet the total requirements of any State|U.T. As per reports received from the State Governments of Rajasthan and Orissa 910 and 880 additional fairs price shops are reported to have been opened upto 28.2.93 under the Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS) respectively. New fair price shops are onened taking into account the viability of fair price shops and the needs of the people...